

Military in Government

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REP. EDITH S. GREEN (D., Ore.) has taken out after the admirals and generals being appointed to high Government jobs after their retirement.

The fact has been noted that the high brass have been doing all right for themselves in big-pay private industry jobs after retiring on a pension at the end of their military careers.

General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur chairman of Remington Rand. Gen. Lucius D. Clay chairman of American Can. Gen. Walter B. Smith chairman of American Machine and Foundry. And so on.

Of course, the Head Man himself has been doing all right since he left the Army. First as President of Columbia University and then as President of the United States.

THERE may be a little sour grapes on the part of Mrs. Green over that. But the thing that really upset her was what happened in the U. S. Immigration Service.

Lieut. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, a West Point' classmate of Ike's, also retired, was named Commissioner of Immigration at \$17,500 a year.

Then two other retired generals were named as assistant commissioners at \$11,800 a year. They were Maj. Gen. Frank H. Partridge and Brig. Gen. Edwin

Howard. Robert B. Molloy (D., W. Va.): "Swing only wanted his 'cronies' in the jobs." Spurred on by this, Rep. Green set Legislative Reference Service in the Library of Congress to work on compiling a list of retired brass now in high civilian jobs. Thirty names were turned up. But the list isn't as big as it sounds. Even retired and reserve officers

get no pay at all, or get only their military pensions, on the American Battle Monuments Commission. Four are paid \$50 a day when they work on the job, which isn't often.

That leaves only a dozen ex-military men in Government jobs normally held by civilian officials. There always have been about this many.

THIS is today's list:

Brig. Gen. Frank B. Berry (USAR, Ret.) now Assistant Defense Secretary for Health and Medical Affairs, \$15,000 a year.

Maj. Gen. Joseph S. Bragdon (USA, Ret.) now Coordinator of Public Works Planning; Council of Economic Advisers.

Vice Admiral Walter S. Delaney (USN, Ret.) now Deputy Director Defense Assistance Control, Foreign Operations Administration, \$15,000 a year.

Maj. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton (USA, Ret.) now President Export-Import Bank, \$17,500 a year.

Gen. Graves B. Erskine (USMC, Ret.) now Assistant Defense Secretary for Special Operations, \$14,800 a year.

Brig. Gen. Herbert Bayard Loper (USA, Ret.) now Chairman, Military Liaison, Atomic Energy Commission, \$16,000 a year.

Maj. Gen. Hugh M. Milton, 2d (USA, Resigned) now Assistant Army Secretary for Manpower and Reserves, \$15,000 a year.

Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons (USA, Ret.) now Deputy Assistant to the President, \$18,000 a year.

Rear Adm. Lewis L. Strauss (USNR, Ret.) now Chairman Atomic Energy Commission, \$20,000 a year.

Brig. Gen. Herbert Davis Vogel (USA, Ret.) now Chairman Tennessee Valley Authority, \$15,000 a year.

Brig. Gen. Elbert Parr Tuttle (USAR) now a judge, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, \$17,500 a year.

Brig. Gen. Henry C. Byroade (USA, Resigned) now U. S. Ambassador to Egypt, formerly an assistant secretary of State.